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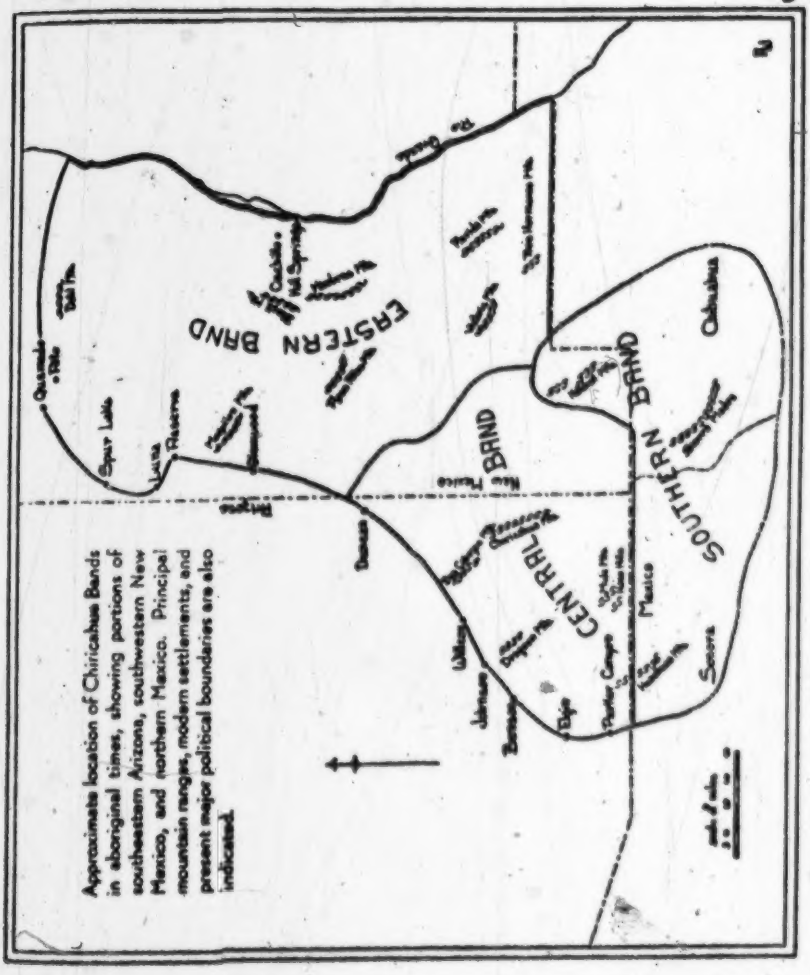
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Approximate location of Chiricahua Bands in aboriginal times, showing portions of southeastern Arizona, southwestern New Mexico, and northern Mexico. Principal mountain ranges, modern settlements, and present major political boundaries are also indicated.

FIG. 1.—Map showing approximate location of Chiricahua bands in aboriginal times

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Pocket." They were, therefore, called "Rock Pocket People." The Spanish name for this mountain range is the Chiricahua Mountains. At first the name Chiricahua was applied only to the Indians ranging in the vicinity of these mountains. When hostilities began, however, and the three bands were considered a common enemy, the name was used indiscriminately of all the hostiles. The name is now so well known and established that it has been thought best to retain it for the entire tribe.

The third and southernmost band of the Chiricahua was called "Enemy People." They stayed almost entirely in what is now Old Mexico; their territory embraced parts of northern Sonora and Chihuahua. Geronimo, whose name figures so largely in the accounts of the Indian wars of the Southwest, was born a member of this band.

It must not be thought that all the members of one band lived together or in close proximity. These bands were further divided into smaller units. Each, under the guidance of a man of some importance, chose as its base some natural fortification or landmark, was known by the name of that place, and, therefore, can be spoken of as a local group. Thus a group of Apaches of the *tcihene* or Warm Springs band consistently camped near a mountain called "Nokane Mountain." This group became known as the "Nokane Mountain People."

The nucleus of the local group was a body of relatives, the relatives of the leader. Friends who had faith in the leader's sagacity might also attach themselves to his following, new male members entered through marriage with women of the group, and in last analysis membership in the local group was determined by residence. Despite their importance, these local groups were fluid and unstable bodies. Loss of faith in the leader, death of a leader at a time when no other member could command the respect of the following, misfortune or widespread illness during residence at the favorite site, could all prove instrumental in the breaking up of the local group and the scattering of its membership.